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July 22, 2002

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, pursuant to General Laws

Chapter 164, § 94, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq. for a General Increase in Gas/Electric

Rates, D.T.E. 02-24/25 (GAS)

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Pursuant to the Procedural Schedule established by the Department in the above-captioned proceeding and the Attorney General's July 8, 2002, Notice of Intent to File Testimony, the Attorney General states that he no longer intends to sponsor Lee Smith of LaCapra Associates as a witness at this time and will not be filing the Direct Testimony of Lee Smith which is due today. However, due to the fact that this matter is in the early stages of discovery, the Attorney General reserves his right to sponsor a witness and/or a rebuttal witness should the need arise. The Attorney General shall keep all parties informed of any new changes on this position.

Very truly yours,

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